

SB100 Testimony

Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

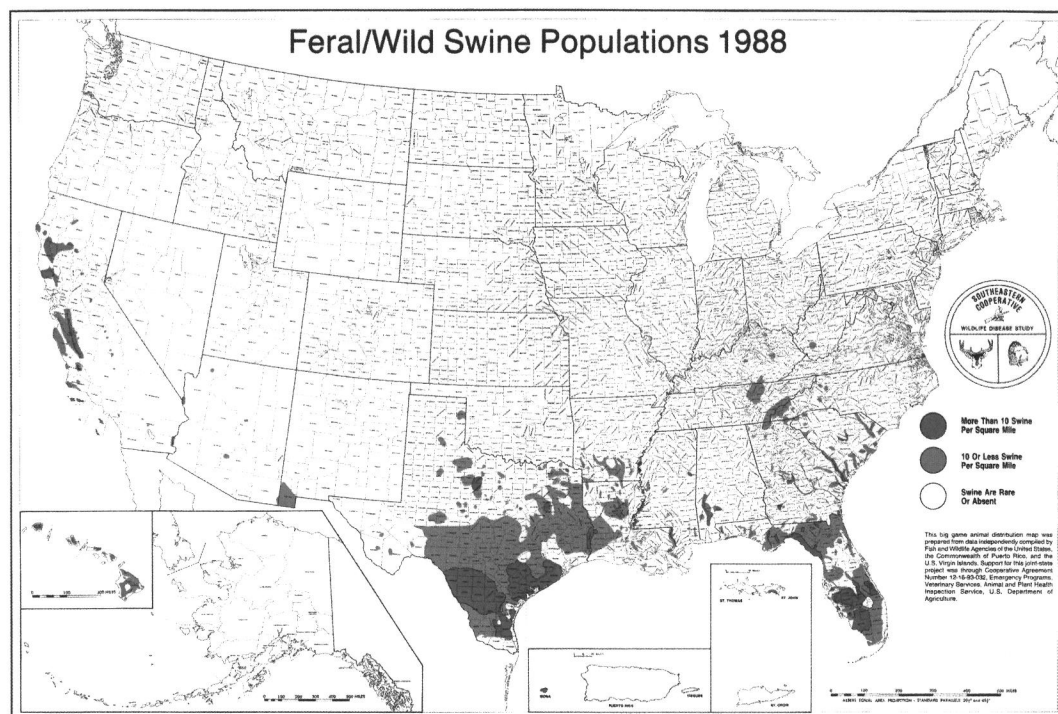
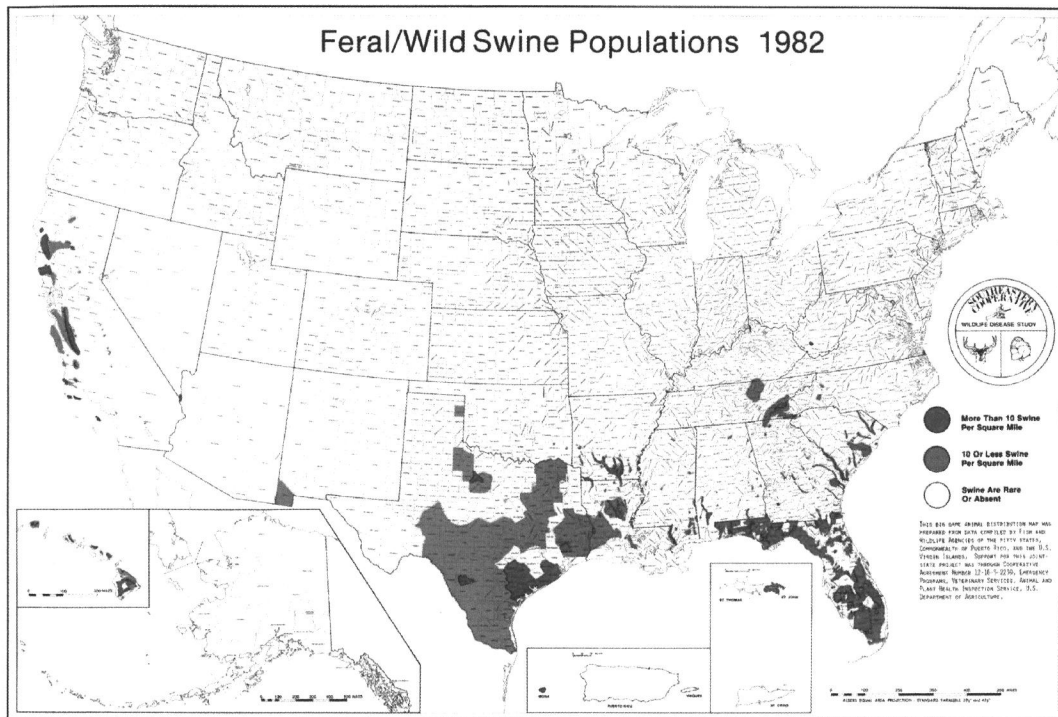
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- Feral swine are highly destructive to habitat, and agricultural crops.
- Feral swine have been documented to have pseudorabies (Montana has been declared free in 1994), and brucellosis.
- Feral swine have increased their range primarily through people transporting hogs into new areas to create hunting opportunities.
 - 17 states had documented feral swine in 1982
 - 28 states had documented feral swine in 2004
 - 37 had documented feral swine in 2010
- Once established, feral hogs are unlikely to be eradicated
- Montana investigated at least one illegal import of feral swine from out of state. Department of Livestock realized that the state has insufficient tools to address an incursion.
- This bill:
 - Defines a feral hog
 - Establishes a reporting requirement
 - Prohibits feeding because hogs not covered under 87-6-216
 - Prohibits hunting or selling hunts
 - Establishes penalties based on FWP MCA 87-5-721
- This bill has broad livestock, agricultural, and wildlife support





Feral/Wild Swine Populations 2004

